GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:434
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HAJ PILGRIMS
RAGHURAJ SINGH SHAKYA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the Union Government on the Haj Pilgrims during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the government propose to increase funds for this purpose;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reason therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) The details of amount spent are as under:-

Year	Total subsidy spent by the Union Government on Haj pilgrims.
1999	Rs. 93,51,77,000 (Provisional)
2000	Rs. 119,86,82,000 (Provisional)
2001	Rs.134,36,83,000 (Provisional)

(b), (c) & (d) The exact estimated cost for Haj 2002 would be known after completing regular exercise of bidding process as being done every year. It is, therefore, premature to say at this stage about the increase of funds.